

the source of happiness, the bearer (of
good things),
the defender (against foes), the desired of
many—

29, The exhilarating, the desirable, the
wise, the
intelligent, the defender (of all), the
desired of many.

30. (We have recourse) to thy wealth
and in-
telligence for our posterity, O tLou to
whom fair
sacrifices are offered, and to thee the
defender (of
all), the desired of many.

SbciA VI. (LXVI.)

The *Ri&his* are the hundred YAIEHI^AS^S ;. the
deity of verses
10, 20 and 21 is Aosr in the form of PAVAMIXA,
of the the rest
of the hymn, SOITA. PATAMA^A; the metre of
verse 18 is
AnuslitiibJi, of the rest *Gdyatri*.

1. All-seeing (SOMA), who art the
adorable friend
(of the worshippers), flow for (us thy)
friends towards
all (our) hyinns of praise.
2. Thou, purified SOAIA, rulest the
universe by
tkose two halves¹ (of the lunar month)
which stand
facing thee.

¹ Sayana explains *dMmam* as either
purvddipafoJiau. the first
and second fortnights of the lunar month, the
"sides"⁷ or "halves"
of the month resembling in their increase and
decrease the sides
of a creeper, Trhose leaves alternate (Soraa being
regarded here
as a creeper), or *ndmani amsusomdtmake*^ the two
names {*afiisu*
and *Soma*), he adds, *'on earth under the name
amsit hy granting
the desires of ail mankind (Sorna rules) this world :

in heaven by
giving the gods thy lunar digits thou art the
winner of their
affections. The gods drink the digits of the (moon)
Soma by
means of their growth and diminution one by one
(i.e. as the
moon "waxes and wanes)." The word *djtdmani*
probably means
the tv-o abode* for stations) of the Soma.